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Congregational Christian Service Committee

The Fall Conference And Association Meetings

North Alabama Association

The North Alabama Association met on Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, at the Fairview Congregational Christian Church, Hackleburg, Alabama. The view from the top of the hill on which this rural church sits indicates the reason behind the name of the church.

A special treat for the association was provided by Rev. Richard J. Fraser, pastor of the St. John's United Church, Cullman, Ala. Rev. Reginald H. Helfferich, executive Secretary of the Commission on World Service of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was to speak at Cullman on Sunday morning. Mr. Fraser brought Dr. Helfferich to the association meeting on Saturday night and Dr. Helfferich addressed the group on the work of the Commission he represents.

The Commission on World Service works among the refugees in many parts of the world. It corresponds to the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

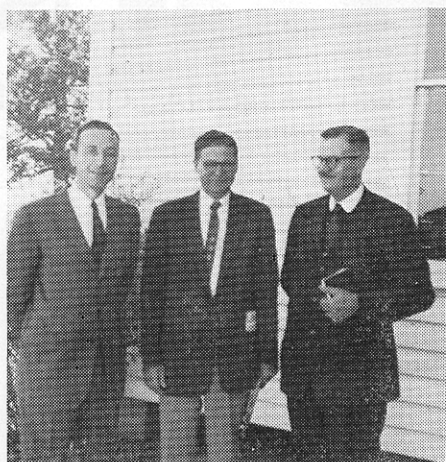
Another featured part of the program was the address on Our Christian World Mission by Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, Associate Secretary of the Missions Council. On Sunday morning, Mr. Horvath preached at the Union Grove Congregational Christian Church at Haleyville.

On Saturday night a period of "Old Time Congregational Singing" was held. The Sunday morning Association Sermon was delivered by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr.

The Association voted to meet at the Caddo Friendship Church, Trinity, Alabama, in 1959.



Rev. J. T. McAdams, Rev. B. Edward Knight, Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Mrs. Ione Kirkland, and Rev. Sanford Wood at the Ga. - S. C. Conference.



Rev. T. S. Horvath of Missions Council, Rev. D. W. Clark and Rev. Guy L. Colbert at the North Alabama Association.

South Alabama-NW Florida

The South Alabama - Northwest Florida Association held its annual meeting Oct. 8-9, at the Blackwood Church, Headland, Alabama.

Mr. A. B. Snell, President of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, gave the opening address on the organization and goals of the Laymen's Organization.

Rev. Theodore Horvath, Secretary of the Mission Council, inspired and challenged us to greater work for Our Christian World Mission, especially along the line of stewardship and education.

Miss Annie Campbell spoke on Christian Education. Supt. James H. Lightbourne was very helpful in bringing us up-to-date on the Merger, Southern Union College, and Our Christian World Mission.

Mrs. Jettie Logan was on hand with her usual vitality, promoting Southeast News and Advance.

Brief reports were given by delegates to the following Assemblies:

General Council at Boston by Rev. Warren Blankhorn.

National Christian Education Conference at Purdue by Miss Dora Brackin.

International Congregational Council at Hartford Seminary by Miss Stevetta Green.

All eight pastors of the Association were present, and representatives from eight churches were in attendance. We

Central Alabama

The Central Association met at the First Congregational Christian Church, East Tallassee, Alabama. It was the first visit of the association to the church since the new educational wing of the church was completed.

Again Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, of the Missions Council, was the featured speaker. However, the association was honored to have Dr. Walter A. Graham, President of The Southern Union College, address it about the program of the college and its needs.

A major item of business for the association was the discussion of its future. The association is small, having only seven active churches. The association voted to appoint representatives to talk with representatives of the North and South Associations to see if there is the possibility of a new association being formed or the churches of the Central Association uniting with one of the established associations.

The present officers and committees were continued until the future of the association is settled.

Rev. Robert L. Shelton, pastor of the Union Grove Church, is the president of the Minister's Association of Haleyville, Ala.

welcomed into our Association Rev. Warner Noles, who comes to us from the Presbyterian Fellowship. He is pastor of the Dorcas Church, Crestview, Fla.



Rev. J. K. Harris, Rev. Ralph Worley, Rev. E. H. Hemby, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Miss Dora Brackin the South Association.

Association and Conference Meetings . . .

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, played host to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Of considerable interest to the delegates was the model of the new church building now under construction at the new location of Pilgrim Church. The new church is of contemporary design and will be located in a residential neighborhood.

The Conference Address on Saturday night was delivered by Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, of the Missions Council. The Conference Sermon on Sunday morning was brought by Dr. Roger L. Shinn, Professor of Christian Ethics, the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University.

Fraternal delegates from the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of Congregational Christian Churches were present. Mr. Bryson, a layman of Chattanooga, and Rev. Wilson Welch of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., were presented to the conference and Mr. Welch brought greetings from the group he represented.

New ministers received into the conference included Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, Evarts, Ky.; Rev. C. Freeman Sleeper, a graduate student at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt, and also serving in the interim at Pleasant Hill, Rev. Victor E. Marriott, retired and living at Pleasant Hill, and Rev. Hugh Lasseter, Robbins Parish, Robbins, Tennessee.

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East Alabama Association

The East Alabama Association met on Wednesday, October 15, at Mt. Zion Church, Roanoke and on Thursday, October 16, at Noon Day Church, Wedowee.

Dr. J. E. Danieleley, President of Elon College, Elon College, N. C., addressed the group on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the principal address was given by Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, of the Missions Council. The new officers and committee members were installed by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr.

The secretary of the association, Mr. H. P. Beard, has served for 26 years in that capacity.

It was voted at the association to

Georgia - South Carolina Conference

The annual sessions of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference were held on October 17-18 at the United Congregational Christian Church, Columbus, Georgia.

The program was highlighted by addresses by the Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, Associate Secretary of the Missions Council, and by brief reports of activities by each of the churches present.

Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Council of Churches and a Congregational Christian minister, spoke to the gathering about the work of the state-wide church organization.

A major item of business was the proposal that the formation of an association in South Georgia having executive authority to hold the standings of ministers and churches be approved. After discussion, this proposal was voted down by an overwhelming majority. The significance of the vote is that it keeps intact the present organization of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference.

The conference approved the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry that Rev. Samuel D. Nelson, its new moderator, and Rev. Otto Culpepper be approved for ordination.

The Williams Chapel, Waycross, Ga., extended an invitation for the conference to meet with it in 1959,

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED TO MRS. SLATER

We will all want to join in expressing our sympathy to our Moderator, Mrs. Pauline West Slater, at the death of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. West, who passed away within a month of each other in recent months.

grant Licensure to Roger Whitley, Hunt Memorial Church, a student at Southern Union, John W. Wilder, Langdale Church, who will serve Forest Home, and Mr. Winfred Walters, Langdale Church, who is serving Bethel Church, West Point, Ga.

The association voted to meet next year on the first day at Huguley Church, Lanett, Ala., and on the second day at Hillside Church, LaGrange, Ga.

Leadership Training Institute Planned For March 9-13

How would you like to take a "Vacation with a Purpose" right in the beginning of Spring? The Southeast Convention, in cooperation with some of our national leaders, is going to provide you with just such an opportunity. Plan now to save the week of March 9-13 for one of the most inspiring and helpful weeks of your life. A Leadership Training Institute is to be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center, Easton, Georgia, at that date. This Center has its own staff to provide our meals and see that the place is comfortably heated.

We will be most fortunate in having THREE of our national leaders to conduct this Institute. The Reverend Walter E. Dobler is our national adult worker, and will lead the group in Bible study, besides teaching leaders of young adults and older adults. Dr. Frances Eastman, Editor of Children's Religion, will teach the course for leaders of youth. The Reverend Leila Anderson, our Pilgrim Circuit Rider, will teach the class for workers with children. Our own superintendent, the Reverend James H. Lightbourne Jr., will lead the group in a better understanding of our Basic Christian Beliefs. The evening programs will be decided upon by the group present as they express what they feel would be the most helpful to them. There will be times in between for informal conversations with the leaders.

Do you have leaders and potential leaders who would benefit from such a week? If you do, why not encourage them to come, by having your church or association help finance it and make it possible? This is an opportunity which does not come to us often and we want to make the most of it.

The Christian Education Committee met recently in Atlanta with the Reverend Walter Dobler to plan for this Leadership Training Workshop, and to discuss other matters concerning Christian Education in the Southeast Convention.

The Reverend Miss Leila Anderson will again be in the Southeast Convention area the latter half of January and for the whole month of March. She comes to our area about once every three years.

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Superintendent's Corner

How frequently the observation is made that we Congregational Christian folk do not know enough about the fellowship of churches to which we belong. Many of us know little of the history of our Congregational Christian Churches. And many of us are not familiar with the principles on which our fellowship is founded.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving (this year it will be Sunday, November 23rd) has been set aside in our fellowship for recognition as Forefather's Day. This would be an opportune time for the church to look at its heritage and to learn more of the spirit of our Congregational Christian Forefathers.

The minister might well preach a sermon on this theme. After all, the Pilgrims of Thanksgiving fame were Congregationalists. The program for the Pilgrim Fellowship could follow out this theme. The meetings of other organizations of the church could plan programs on the subject.

We have no need to be ashamed of our heritage. It is a good one. We have no need to be ignorant of our heritage. With a little effort we can learn who and what we are.

The Superintendent's Schedule

November 1 — Southern Union College
November 2 — Robbins Parish, Tenn.,
Evarts, Ky.
November 9 — Columbus, United
November 12 — Board of Home Missions, N. Y.
November 16 — Mt. Olive, Tallassee,

Newly Elected Conference- Association Officers And Committee Chairmen

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Moderator — Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Vice-Moderator — Rev. D. H. Clark
Scribe & Treasurer—Mrs. Daniel Harris
Pastor-at-Large—Dr. Guy L. Colbert
Committee on Evangelism—Rev. Earnest Shelton, Ch., Rev. C. W. Baldwin, Rev. Elmer Smith
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Chm., Rev. Earnest Shelton, Marina Robertson
Committee on Survey and Church Aid—Rev. Robert Shelton, Chm., Mr. Joe Fleming, Mr. Willie Bradford
Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education — Rev. Homer Barnes, Chm., Rev. Richard Waugh, Rev. David W. Clark
Committee on Motions and Resolutions—Rev. C. W. Baldwin, Chm., Rev. Robert Shelton, Rev. D. W. Clark
Committee on Nominations—Mr. Leonard Hill, Chm., Mr. Joe Fleming, Mr. H. L. Terry Jr.

CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Moderator — Rev. Herbert Long
Vice-Moderator — Mr. Samuel Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. John Fralic
Representative to S. E. Convention Board — Rev. N. A. Long
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Mrs. Marrell Rhodes
Committee on Christian Education — Mrs. Archie Buce
Committee on Survey and Church Aid—Mrs. E. R. Wilson
Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education — Mrs. Fannie Mae Brown

S. ALA. - N. W. FLA. ASSOCIATION

Moderator — Rev. Ralph Worley
Vice-Moderator — Rev. Warren Blankenhorn
Scribe-Treasurer — Miss Dora Brackin
Representative to Convention Board—Rev. Kermit Harris
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Rev. M. O. Worley
Committee on Christian Education — Mrs. O. C. Graves
Committee on Survey and Church Aid—Mr. Arthur Wallace

Ala.

November 18-20 — Ministers' Convocation, Southern Union College
November 23 — Dorcas Church, Crestview, Fla. (Mobile, Ala.)

Committee on Evangelism — Rev. E. H. Hemby

Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education — Rev. Kermit Harris

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Moderator — Rev. A. C. Nelson
Vice-Moderator—Rev. Charles W. Bell
Secretary — Mr. H. P. Beaird
Treasurer — Mr. Ross McCormick
Representative to Convention Board—Mr. H. P. Beaird
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Rev. Olin Sheppard
Committee on Missions and Stewardship — Rev. Charles W. Bell
Committee on Religious Education — Rev. William Traylor
Committee on Evangelism — Rev. Carroll W. Lewis

KY.-TENN. CONFERENCE

Moderator — Miss Elizabeth Jenkins
Vice-Moderator — Rev. Harold C. Henderson
Secretary — Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht
Treasurer — Mr. Emerson Poste
Representative to Convention Board—Rev. Paul R. Reynolds
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Rev. Paul R. Reynolds
Committee on Survey and Church Aid—Rev. Arnold Slater
Committee on Evangelism — Rev. Harold W. Freer
Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education — Rev. A. Ray Meserve
Committee on Christian Education — Mrs. J. M. Cager
Committee on Social Action — Rev. Clyde C. Flannery

GA. - S. C. CONFERENCE

Moderator — Rev. Samuel D. Nelson
Vice-Moderator—Mr. Joseph E. Tatum Jr.
Scribe — Mrs. Ione Kirkland
Treasurer — Rev. James T. McAdams
Representative to Convention Board—Rev. B. Edward Knight
Committee on Ministry and Churches—Rev. Thomas Anderson
Committee on Survey and Church Aid—Mrs. Richard Churchill
Committee on Christian Education — Mrs. James T. McAdams
Committee on Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education — Rev. W. Raymond Berry

Rev. Richard Abel McKay

The Rev. Richard Abel McKay, retired minister of the Southeast Convention, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 1958 as a result of a fall suffered the latter part of September.

Mr. McKay was the organizer of the United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Ga. During the many years of his ministry he served a number of parishes, including the following: Union Grove, Haleyville, Ala., Fairview and Hackleburg at Hackleburg, Ala., Woodbury, Ga., Shady Grove, Ala., and Mt. Olive, East Tallassee, Ala.

Mr. McKay completed his seminary work at the Atlanta Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the Congregational Christian ministry in 1910.

After retiring from the active ministry he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Edgar Ballard, Tallassee, Ala.

The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church by the pastor, the Rev. James W. Walters.

At The General Council Dr. Fred Hoskins Said —

Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister and secretary of the General Council, told the 14th biennial meeting of the council at Mechanics Hall, Boston, Mass.:

"Christians are not fully agreed on the strategy for achieving a reasonable expression of the essential equality of men, but in this we are all agreed, that in the matter of race relations we must never relax the tension which draws us from where we are to where we ought to be. That which draws us in Christ, and the estate to which we are drawn is brotherhood that knows no caste of color or station."

"Too many are viewing the problem of integration as something impossible of accomplishment. The very opposite is true. Tremendous gains are being made in the South — and the North — today.

"We applaud and support the movement toward order and conciliation, just as we condemn and deplore the actions of those — North and South — who foster violence and hatred.

"By unflagging effort, by the determination to finish what we have started, by substituting for our selfish aims

NOTES FROM PURDUE

MRS. W. RAYMOND BERRY

The National Conference on Christian Education was held at Purdue University in LaFayette, Indiana, Aug. 19-22, 1958. Three thousand delegates descended on the Purdue campus on Tuesday afternoon, all frantically trying to find the place where they would stay, where they would attend classes, and where the other conference activities would be held (especially meals). Luckily, each was provided with a map of the campus to find his way around. One of the young people had this sign on his back! "Don't follow me; I'm lost too!" "We could all wear that sign", said Mrs. Kelley.

But once we learned our way around the huge campus, we found ourselves completely absorbed in the program which kept us busy from early morn till late at night. How many times Mrs. Kelley and I remarked that we did so wish that our whole church could share this experience with us. It was a rich one!

The theme for this conference was very significant — "One Lord — One Mission". This was the first conference on Christian Education to be held by the United Church of Christ. As the ancient Hebrews said, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." Our symbol which appeared on all literature and was illuminated for our Worship Center, told of the four aspects of our one mission. The upper left quarter held two churches blended into one — symbolic of the mission of the church to the world, as well as of the increased unity of effort of the new United Church of Christ. Opposite this, the symbol of the caring hands which reach out in compassion to the world's need. Below this the symbol of the lamp, representing the light of knowledge and truth which is often kept alive in dark areas of the world by the Christian faith and gospel. In the fourth quarter is the open Bible whose message must be impressed upon the hearts and minds of multitudes in our land and abroad. It is the mission of the church to bring the impact of God's Word to bear on human life. All these symbols are bound together by the

the Lordship of Christ we do dare hope to realize the brotherhood we seek in a truly democratic America."

cross of Christ, without which all these would be meaningless.

An opening morning worship service gave us an inspirational thought for the day, being led by well-known Christian leaders — Lawrence Jones (E & R), Purd Deitz (E & R), and Martin Luther King (Baptist). After this we all attended two study groups of our own choosing. Each of us learned much which we can use in our local church and our convention. Even though we Congregational Christians were outnumbered six to one, I felt we learned much more by being in the minority. We learned more about our sister church, the Evangelical and Reformed Church. And I hope each of us will be able to share with you from time to time the new ideas and techniques we learned at Purdue.

After lunch there were interest groups to go to on more specific topics, such as *The Church School Worker*, Pilgrim Series, the Family Resource Book, your church library, and others.

This was followed by recreation. Most of us found little time for that, we were so busy trying to get to the book store (which was the weakness of us all), the exhibits, the plays and special meetings. There was no such thing as "free time", for no one wanted to miss anything which might give him something else to take back to his church.

Each night there was a wonderful worship service which included singing, scripture and prayers and the evening addresses. There were two speakers or other programs each evening, and although we were all so tired that we did not see how we could sit still for one, we could not see how any of the speakers could have been omitted. Our speakers included Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister of the General Council and co-president of the United Church of Christ; Dr. John R. C. Haas, first vice-president of the E & R Church; Helen Baker, United Church Women; Dr. Truman Douglas, Board of Home Missions; David Stowe, American Board (CC); and Senator Hubert Humphrey, heard by telephone from the Senate chambers. This always was followed by informal get-togethers.

The days were full; the program was packed; the inspiration was wonderful; and we all came home feeling how glad we were that we could be there.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Brookmeade Church Changes Name

The Brookmeade Congregational Church voted at its quarterly meeting to change its name to BROOKMEADE UNITED CHURCH (Congregational). The change was recommended by the publicity committee. Two very important reasons prompted the change: 1st, the church wanted to identify itself more closely with the new United Church of Christ in America; 2nd, it was felt that the new name would better interpret what the church stands for in the local community. The majority of more than 45 members received into the church during the past two years has been of other denominations. As several of them said at the business meeting, it is easier to give up your own denominational loyalty if you believe you are uniting with a fellowship that stands for church unity.

In a city where denominational lines are very sharply drawn, those people who grow beyond the petty differences that divide Protestant groups want a church fellowship that is inclusive. The Brookmeade Church offers that hope, and Brookmeade believes the new name will attract those people who in the past have often wondered just what off-brand the "Congregational Christians" were anyway.

Mrs. Clyde C. Flannery held a reception at the church parsonage on October 17th for the new members and friends of the church. With the membership scattered over the city (some members live 14 or 15 miles away), this offers one way for the church members to become better acquainted with the new friends of the church. The church also has a coffee hour following the morning service on Sunday to help the new members and visitors become acquainted with other members of the congregation. Brookmeade has several new families in the congregation this fall.

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Society Hill Church Has Busy Time

We are very proud to announce that our pastor, the Rev. Woodrow Dorsey, has been with us six years.

On July 6, 1958, we elected new of-

ficers for our church. On that day we made plans for our homecoming in September.

On the first Sunday in September we began our revival. The speaker for the morning service was Mr. Jommy Beeland. The speaker for the week was Rev. C. P. Meadows of Macon. We surely did enjoy all of his messages. The average attendance during the revival was eighty-five.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 14, 1958, we were honored to have Willie Frank Mason to deliver the message. We also had some special songs by two Fort Valley girls.

Mrs. Ethel Jones

FALL PF RALLIES

The North Georgia Pilgrim Fellowship rally was held at Liberty Grove Church, Bowman, Saturday, Oct. 25, beginning in the morning and ending in the afternoon with a fine lunch served on the grounds by the church. Peter Sanford reported on his trip to the National Council meeting at New York in June. The following officers were elected for the year: president, Peter Sanford; vice-president, David Starrett, both from Atlanta Central; secretary, Joyce Floyd, Liberty Church, Bowman; treasurer, Gale Hinton, Sardis Church, Oxford; reporter, Peggy Lunsford, Liberty Church, Bowman. The next rally is to be held at Center Church, Atlanta, Saturday, Feb. 14.

The North Alabama Pilgrim Fellowship rally was held at St. John's E & R Church in Birmingham. North Alabama is fortunate in having two E & R churches cooperating to strengthen the youth work. Truly this is a union of PF/YF. Patsy Yancey, SEC-PF Action chairman, attended and reported both on her attendance at the national meeting in New York and on her experience at an international Scout camp in Mexico, even teaching the group to sing a song in Burmese. Melvin Rocquemore, the vice-president of SEC-PF, led the recreation. The Union Grove Pilgrim Fellowship from Haleyville received a PF New Testament for having the largest number present from any one church other than the entertaining church. The following officers and commission chairmen were elected: president, Ann Turner, Pilgrim CC

Union, Mountain Creek Reports Many Activities

The Union Congregational Church of Mt. Creek, Ala., has accomplished much this year. One of their first projects this year was placing a sign eight miles from the church to give direction to the church. The clubhouse was completed the first of the year and we enjoy dinners there once a quarter. A church building fund has begun the first of the year. We have just completed remodeling the outside of the church. A new roof, siding and steps were completed recently. The church has also acquired a new pulpit, communion table and a cross with the drape in the background. The East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church gave the church a pulpit chair which we had redone.

Our revival was held in August and we received five new members into the church and one rededicated his life. Our pastor, Rev. Floyd Carmack, conducted the revival.

We have just organized the Laymen's and Women's Fellowship. Officers elected for each of these organizations were — Laymen's: president, Winston Noble; vice-president, Sam Johnson Jr.; secretary and treasurer, James Bridges. Women's Fellowship — president, Mrs. Beulah Wilson; vice-president, Mrs. James Noble; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Earl Blankenship.

Church, Birmingham; vice-president, James Schoettlin, St. John's E & R, Birmingham; secretary-treasurer, Bill Heatherly, St. John's E & R, Cullman; Faith Commission, Glenda Washburn, CC, Garden City; Action Commission, Robert Saunders, Pilgrim CC, Birmingham; Fellowship, Charlotte Smith, Union Grove Church, Haleyville. The next PF rally is to be in the Spring, Sunday, April 26, at Mt. Lebanon Church, Steele.

FLASH! — Just received word that the South Ala.-W. Fla. young people had a most successful well-attended rally at Andalusia First Church with six PFs represented and with young people also present from East Tallassee. The next rally is to be held at Dorcas Church, Crestview, Fla., May 2 and 3.

Echoes From Southern Union

DR. WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

The echoes are ringing loud and clear with 243 students enrolled in the fall quarter. They come from five states: 217 from Alabama, 12 from Georgia, 10 from Florida, and two each from South Carolina and Tennessee. 100 of them are boarding students, while 143 commute, many of them more than 100 miles per day.

The men far outnumber the women, as there are 196 men and 47 women. There is some little debate about the quality being "even-Steven." Wadley leads the list of towns, having 36 students, while Roanoke and Alexander City are close behind with 34 and 32 respectively.

The religious affiliation of any group of people is interesting and this is especially true of the Southern Union students this year. 107 are members of the Baptist persuasion, while 45 are Methodists. The Congregational Christian Church runs a poor third with 33. In addition, three other students gave the Baptist and Methodist as their preference.

Five students listed themselves as members of each of the Christian and Presbyterian groups while three said they were members of the Church of God. The Nazarene, Episcopal and Lutheran Churches each claimed two students and one is a Catholic. Twenty-nine did not indicate any church membership or preference.

The new members of the faculty are Miss Grace Crump of Mart, Texas, associate Professor of Music, and Mr. Russell A. Olive of Talladega, Alabama, Associate Professor of Biology. Other new staff members include Mr. Robert Faulkner, Business Manager; Mrs. Robert Faulkner, Public Relations; Mrs. Nannie L. Carter, Assistant Dietitian; Mrs. Glenda Perry, Assistant Librarian and Mrs. Burnette Bonham, Administrative Assistant and Secretary to the President. Mr. Robert Adams is the Librarian.

The Bison football season has gotten off to a 100 per cent start but a bit in the wrong direction as they have suffered defeat in all five games played to date. Coaches Bentley and Williams have a good team, better than last year in many respects, but the competition encountered has been increasingly tough.

The Fall issue of the Southern Union

News, Jean Faulkner as Editor, has been mailed out to nearly 7,000 people all across America. It contained an alphabetical list of the names of supporters and contributors since January 1, 1958. If you did not get your copy or your name was not listed, please write us.

The Alumni Association gave a very delightful tea at the President's new home in honor of the faculty and staff. Alumni President Tom Radney greeted the guests as they came in and, in turn, presented them to the faculty, staff, and family members present.

The first college-community concert of the year featured a recital of readings from Shakespeare by Mr. Edward Brigham of New York. The event was well attended and the presentation was not only enjoyed but was a great challenge when they learned that Mr. Brigham celebrated his 92nd birthday while on the campus.

The Field House, sponsored by laymen of the churches of the East Alabama and West Georgia Association under the leadership of President Willie McGill, is almost complete. It was put to use soon after the roof was on and has filled a real need. When finished, it will include dressing rooms, toilets and showers for both men and women. Appropriate dedication ceremonies will be held later.

With November 2nd being observed as Southern Union Day in so many churches in the Southeast Convention, the demand for members of the faculty, staff and choral group to have a part in the program has far exceeded the supply and for this, all of us are sorry. We want to visit with and be a part of all church programs this year. Please write us again.

Let me thank all of you who have so graciously and generously supported the college and all its activities. This includes churches who have put the college in their annual budgets for \$1 per member, those who have taken a special offering for the college, the women's group through their Friendly Service Committees, the men's groups and many individuals, ministers and lay people. With the increased enrollment, the need for aid, scholarship and otherwise, is likewise very great. Truly no place can do so much with so little as Southern Union.

HERE AND THERE . . .

NOTICE!!!

To all Alabama and Northwest Florida Women's Fellowships!

The new address of your Treasurer is:

Mrs. Bernice Carter
619 Rankin St.
Andalusia, Alabama

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Frank Little, president of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, has resigned the position. Frank has enlisted in the United States Air Force and is now receiving basic training in Texas.

Melvin Roquemore, vice-president of the youth organization, will assume the duties of the president.

The young people of the convention will wish Frank well as he embarks on this new venture.

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The Langdale Congregational Christian Church has an unusual distinction. Two of its active laymen are serving churches in the East Alabama Association. Mr. Winfred Walters has been serving Bethel Church, West Point Ga. for the past year. Mr. John W. Wilder has been called to serve the Forest Home Church this year.

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A Fall Church Revival will be held at Langdale November 26-30. Larry Adcock, a young man of the church, will be the song leader. The pastor, Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, will preach.

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The Reverend John D. Crutcher and family, formerly of Phenix City, Alabama, are now living at Farmer City, Illinois.

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Dr. Walter A. Graham, President of Southern Union College, spoke to a joint meeting of the Men's Fellowship of St. John's United Church and the Men's Club of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Birmingham on October 8th.

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Homecoming was held at the First Congregational Christian Church, Columbus, Ga., on Sunday, October 19th. Dr. Walter A. Graham was the guest speaker.

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Mrs. Montez G. Albright and daughter, Lola, visited Europe for two weeks in October on a tour sponsored by the League of Women Voters. They were able to travel in six countries and had a grand time.

Religion In American Life Sponsors Attendance

Increased and regular attendance at Church and Synagogue will be urged throughout the country in November during the tenth annual Religion in American Life Program. Every American will be encouraged to go to the house of worship of his choice in this non-sectarian emphasis on the importance of religion in personal, family, community and national life.

Sponsored by a committee of 67 lay men and women of all faiths, the program is headed by Robert T. Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc., a large textile firm, and former Secretary of the Army. Charles E. Wilson, president of the People to People program, and former president of General Electric Co., is honorary chairman.

Through programs in thousands of communities, Churches and Synagogues, the historic role of religious faith in strengthening the American people through good times and bad will be stressed. The theme of the campaign is "Find the Strength for Your Life . . . Worship Together This Week."

As the program is backed by The Advertising Council, this message will appear on thousands of outdoor posters, on subway and bus cards, in magazines and newspapers, and on television and radio. Space and time worth several million dollars will be contributed by advertisers and the advertising media as a public service.

Community programs are sponsored by local groups in cooperation with religious organizations. The Religion in American Life Program serves as a religious activity of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis International and their thousands of clubs in all states.

The program is also supported by 24 national religious bodies, their agencies, and their affiliated Churches and Synagogues, and the Public Relations Society of America.

Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, Executive Secretary, is a Congregational Christian minister and a member of the Board of Trustees at Southern Union College.



Williams Chapel Dedicates New Church

Recent Ministerial Changes

Reverend S. M. Penn retired as minister of the Richland Congregational Christian Church, effective October 31, 1958. Mr. Penn had served the church for five years. Forty-five years ago Mr. Penn was ordained to the Christian ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Penn will continue to make their home in Richland.

The Richland Church has called Rev. Peter Doherty as pastor.

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Word has been received of the call of Rev. David Herbert Long to the Russell Woods Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, Alabama, effective November 1st.

Mr. Long has served the Congregational Christian Church, East Tallassee, Ala., for the past five years. During that time the church has renovated the church building and built a new educational wing.

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The Reverend Floyd Carmack has been called to serve the Bethel Congregational Christian Church, Ashland, Alabama, as well as the Pleasant Grove Congregational Christian Church, La-Fayette, Alabama.

Mr. Carmack is a student at the Southern Union College.

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The Rev. C. Norman Sleeper, who is doing graduate work at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, has been called to do interim pastorate work at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Mr. Sleeper is at Pleasant Hill on the weekends.

The service of dedication for the new church building of the Williams Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Waycross, Ga., was held on Sunday, October 26th.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered at the morning service by Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

The act of dedication was led by Rev. B. Edward Knight, pastor of the church, during the service in the afternoon. At the afternoon service Mr. Lester H. Shaw, chairman of the building committee, turned the keys to the church building over to the Board of Trustees.

Not shown in the picture above, which was taken at an earlier date, is a round picture window of the head of Christ in the front of the church. The window is illuminated at night by light and has become quite an attraction.

The new church building is located in front of the original building. The latter will now be used for Sunday School space and other activities.

Although the new building is valued at more than \$25,000, the actual cash outlay was reported as \$9,182.45. Much of the labor was donated, as well as some of the materials. Special recognition was given Mr. Ernest Litsey, a member of the church, who was in charge of construction.

A large crowd was in attendance for the two services of the day. A bountiful dinner was spread upon the tables in the church yard.

The Williams Chapel Church invited the Georgia-South Carolina Conference to meet with it next year. The conference accepted the invitation.